



Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held Virtually

July 8, 2020

1:00pm – 3:00pm

EEAC Members in Attendance

EEAC Member	Organization/Sector	Attendance	Proxy	Proxy Name
Robert Underwood	(Chairperson) DNREC	Present	n/a	
Emily Greene	Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation	Present	n/a	
Charles Kistler	Low-Income Sector	Present	n/a	
Cassandra T. Marshall	Residential Sector	Present	n/a	
Harris B. McDowell, III	Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility	Absent	n/a	
Kelly McKeown	Commercial Sector	Present	n/a	
Glenn A. Moore	Delmarva Power & Light	Present	n/a	
Mark Nielson	Delaware Electric Cooperative	Absent	n/a	
Steve Baccino	Chesapeake Utilities	Present	n/a	
Alan Rogers	Manufacturing Sector	Present	n/a	
Joseph Schorah	Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility	Present	Yes	Tony DePrima
Clem Dinsmore	Environmental Sector	Present	n/a	
Vacant	Agricultural Sector	n/a	n/a	

EEAC Consultants in Attendance

Eric Belliveau; Optimal Energy, Inc.

Gretchen Calcagni; Optimal Energy, Inc.

Griff Keating; Optimal Energy, Inc.

DNREC Staff in Attendance

Rob Underwood; Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy

Edward Synoski; Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy

Mark Dworkin; Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy

Susan Love; Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy

Call to Order

Chairperson Rob Underwood called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Council Business, Planning, and General Discussion
 - a. Vote on minutes – May
 - b. Update on 2019 Annual Report
3. Climate Action Plan Update – Susan Love
4. EM&V Committee Update – Optimal/DNREC
5. Low-Income Committee Update – Optimal/DNREC
6. Three-Year Calendar Update
7. COVID Program Impacts including EM&V –Ecometric
8. Gas Program Best Practices– Optimal
9. Next Steps/Adjournment
10. Public Comment

Welcome and Introductions

- Rob Underwood took attendance for the meeting.

Council Business, Planning, and General Discussion

Vote on minutes – May

- Glenn Moore made a motion to approve.
- Cassandra Marshall seconded.
- All Councilors voted in favor.
- Motion was approved.

Update on 2019 Annual Report

- Underwood stated the 2019 EEAC Annual Report is close to complete and welcomes any comments from Councilors on it.

Climate Action Plan Update – Susan Love

- Susan Love, Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy, presented on the Climate Action Plan being developed by DNREC.
- Love asked if there were any questions for her about the Climate Action Plan.
- Clem Dinsmore indicated that there were originally going to be two stakeholder meetings on the Climate Action and asked what will be lost by not having a second workshop.
- Love stated that a second set of workshops will be conducted online, so hopefully minimal information and inputs will be lost. Online workshops may enable more people to engage with the workshop process.
- Dinsmore asked if the goal is to have recommendations available by the general assembly session next year.
- Love responded that some recommendations would require legislative action, so hopefully those recommendations will be available by that time.
- Dinsmore indicated the Climate Action Plan could have an effect on legislative actions.
- Steve Baccino asked what role Love saw gas companies playing in the Climate Action Plan.
- Love responded that that has not been clarified, but that data regarding gas usage is part of the modeling effort.
- Baccino indicated that Chesapeake has agreed to develop renewable natural gas for the DMV peninsula and asked if that will this play a role in the Climate Action Plan.

- Love encouraged Buccino to engage with the Climate Action planning process so it can be.
- Kelly McKeown asked if the vision is to have a formal agreement with bordering state and what that cooperation would look like.
- Love answered that it is a mix of formal and informal (ex RGGI, climate alliance) – however this is not determined yet and feedback is welcomed.
- Drew Slater asked if there has been any consideration of a natural gas phase out by 2050 (or some other date), if there would be some ability for EEIF money to be used, and if there is a list of areas we will need to focus on regarding sea level rise.
- Love responded that building electrification is a necessity to get to 0% emissions, it is not a short-term strategy (which is the current plans scope), but it is a concept that needs reviewing. Geographic areas at risk have been identified in previous efforts. This plan will identify broad strategies for action and site specific actions are not envisioned to be identified in this plan.
- Tony DePrima asked what efforts have been done to determine what is planned independently of the state, such as by local governments.
- Love responded that they work hard to engage with towns. Towns may not have a Climate Action Plan, but they get information from and cooperated with the state about what the impacts of the state Climate Action Plan may be to them.

Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification (EM&V) Committee Update

- Gretchen Calcagni indicated that the EM&V committee covered several topics at their recent meeting. These included a discussion on a statewide reporting framework, discussion on updates to net-to-gross ratios and avoided costs. An action taken from the meeting was the formation of a subgroup to focus on the statewide reporting framework.

Low-Income Committee Update

- Charlie Kistler gave an update about the low-income committee's recent meeting. The committee outlined five pillars that the future of the committee would be based on along with an action plan for the continuation of the committee.
- DePrima gave an update about the empowerment program and how the grant selection committee gave out its first grant to habitat for humanity to create a refrigerator replacement program. They were awarded \$500,000 and can be given more funding if they preform well. Applications for the community scale grants are now being taken and may soon be evaluated.

3-Year Calendar Update

- Calcagni gave an overview of the general Council planning calendar for the rest of 2020 as well as the three-year planning calendar for the 2020-2022 timeframe.
- Ed Schmidt stated that it may be helpful to push some of the Q1-2022 to 2021 to prevent overloading.

COVID Program Impacts including EM&V

- Salil Gogte with EcoMetric Consulting presented on COVID-19 Impacts on program evaluation.
- Schmidt thanked Gogte for the presentation and stated that it was very informative.

Best Practices – Gas Programs

- Calcagni presented on natural gas savings efforts to date in Delaware as well as best practice energy efficiency programs from other jurisdictions.

Next Steps/Adjournment

- Underwood indicated that the next EEAC meeting is scheduled for October 14th, 2020.
- Copies of all EEAC meeting materials may be found on DNREC's website located at the following URL:
<https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/efficiency/advisory-council-meetings/>

Public Comment

- No public comments were made.
- Alan Rodgers requested copy of Love's presentation.

Adjournment

- Underwood requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Moore made a motion to adjourn.
- Emily Greene seconded.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.